

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is requested.

Claim 28, and the specification have been amended to delete the language deemed to constitute new matter.

As regards the rejections based upon the Cobb et al. reference, it is submitted that Cobb et al. describes a field plot row marker which requires that the V-shaped rods 21 form longitudinal impressions in the ground. Present claims 28 and 37 are directed to a compaction roller and call for the compaction roller to have "salient points". The term "salient" is defined in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary as "projecting beyond a line, surface, or level". It is submitted that the only portion of the rod 21 of Cobb et al. that can constitute a salient point is a part thereof projecting radially beyond the cylindrical drum 10. In that event, claims 28 and 37 cannot be read on Cobb et al., because each of claims 28 and 37 recites that each generally convex compacting face "extends from one salient point to an adjacent salient point." Since the salient points of Cobb et al. must be formed by portions of the rods 21 located radially outwardly of the drum 10, as observed above, then there would be no generally convex compacting faces that extend from one salient point to another.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 28 and 37 distinguish patentably over Cobb et al.

Respectfully submitted,

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